This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A software version control method comprising:

assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups;

for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group;

deriving a unique identifier for the processed image using the processed image associating each resulting processed image with a unique identifier derived therefrom;

generating a listing of unique identifiers;

storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a source device;

comparing the listing of unique identifiers with a current listing of unique identifiers of a client device; and

selectively sending processed images from the source device whose unique identifiers appear in the listing of unique identifiers but not in the current listing of unique identifiers in the client device.

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2.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

3.   (canceled)

4.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further includes assigning a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group.

5.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising sending the processed image and the listing of unique identifiers to a client device that stores the processed image and the listing of unique identifiers in a persistent memory.

6-7.   (canceled)

8.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to perform acts comprising:

assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups;

for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group;

deriving a unique identifier for the processed image using the processed image ~~associating each resulting processed image with unique identifier derived therefrom~~;

generating a listing of unique identifiers;

storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a source device;

comparing the listing of unique identifiers with a current listing of unique identifiers of a client device; and

selectively sending processed images from the source device whose unique identifiers appear in the listing of unique identifiers but not in the current listing of unique identifiers in the client device.

9.   (previously presented)   The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

10.   (canceled)

11.   (previously presented)   The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further includes assigning a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group.

12. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, further comprising sending the processed image and the listing of unique identifiers to a client device that stores the processed image and the listing of unique identifiers in a persistent memory.

13-14. (canceled)

15.   (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

memory; and

logic coupled to the memory and operatively configured to assign each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups, for each downloadable file group compress together all assigned data files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group, derive a unique identifier for the processed image using the processed image associate each resulting processed image with a unique identifier derived therefrom, store the processed images and a listing of unique identifiers to the memory, and compare the listing of unique identifiers with a current listing of unique identifiers of a client device to identify processed images that need to be provided to the client device.

16-20. (canceled)

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21.   (currently amended) A system comprising:

a network;

a server device operatively coupled to the network and configured to assign each of a plurality of server-based data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding server-based downloadable file groups, for each server-based downloadable file group compress together all assigned data files to form one processed image for the server-based downloadable file group, ~~derive a unique identifier for the processed image using the processed image~~ associate each resulting processed image with a unique identifier derived therefrom, and selectively output the processed images and a latest listing of unique identifiers over the network; and

a client device operatively coupled to the network and configured to communicate with the server device through the network, wherein the client device is further configured to maintain a listing of unique identifiers associated with processed images stored locally within the client device, compare the listing of unique identifiers with a downloaded latest listing of unique identifiers from the server device, and selectively download processed images whose unique identifiers appears in the latest listing of unique identifiers from the server device but not in the listing of unique identifiers in the client device.

22.   (canceled)

23.   (previously presented)   The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein the server device is further configured to selectively assign a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group.

24.   (canceled).

25.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the one processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

26.   (previously presented)   The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein the one processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

27.   (previously presented)   The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein the one processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

28.   (previously presented)   The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein the one processed image for the server-based downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

29.   (currently amended) A   computer-readable   medium   having

computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to

perform acts comprising:

assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific

corresponding downloadable file groups;

for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data

files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group;

deriving a unique identifier for the processed image using the processed

image associating each resulting processed image with a unique identifier derived

therefrom;

generating a listing of unique identifiers; and

storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a

source device.

30.   (previously presented) A computer-readable medium as recited in

Claim 29, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

31.   (canceled)

32.   (previously presented) A computer-readable medium as recited in

Claim 29, wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further

includes assigning a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group.

33.   (previously presented)   A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, further comprising sending the processed image and the listing of unique identifiers to a client device.